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| Title: BRACE SYSTEM AND METHOD | ) |                                     |
| FOR A VEHICLE AT A LOADING     | ) |                                     |
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 29, 2008, issued in connection with the above-referenced patent application, along with a petition for a three-month extension of time.

**1. Small Entity Status**

- ☐ Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status is(are) attached.
- ☐ Small entity status has been established and is still effective.
- ☒ Has not been established.

**2. Fees**

Fee for Claims

- ☒ The fee for additional claims [(37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d))] has been calculated as shown below:

|  |                                  |                                 |    |               | SMALL ENTITY |                | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |                |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|  | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For |    | Present Extra | Rate         | Additional Fee | Rate                      | Additional Fee |
| TOTAL  | 13                               | MINUS                           | 26 | = 0           | x25=         | \$             | x50=                      | \$0.00         |
| INDEP.   | 1                                | MINUS                           | 3  | = 0           | x105=        | \$             | x210=                     | \$0.00         |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim |                                  |                                 |    |               | +180=        | \$             | +360=                     | \$0.00         |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE                           |                                  |                                 |    |               | \$           |                | OR                        | \$0.00         |

Extension of Time

- ☒ This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

| EXTENSION (Months) | FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY |            | FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY |            |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| One Month          |                      | \$130.00   |                      | \$65.00    |
| Two Months         |                      | \$490.00   |                      | \$245.00   |
| Three Months       | X                    | \$1,110.00 |                      | \$555.00   |
| Four Months        |                      | \$1,730.00 |                      | \$865.00   |
| Fifth Month        |                      | \$2,350.00 |                      | \$1,175.00 |

**If an additional Extension of Time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.**

Extension Fee: \$1,110.00

An extension for     month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$     is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Deduction: \$

**Extension Fee Due With This Request \$1,110.00**

**3. Method of Payment of Fees**

- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 50-2455 in the amount of: \$0.00
- ☒ Electronic Funds Transfer \$ 1,110.00
- ☐ No Payment Due

**4. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

Please refund any overpayment to Hanley, Flight & Zimmerman, LLC at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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